[The President] [25th January 1933

I fix 3 p.m. to-day as the time by which nominations of candidates for election of a Member to the Finance Committee should be sent to the Secretary. If the number of candidates exceeds the number of vacancies, namely, one, there will be an election between 2-30 p.m. and 4 p.m. to-morrow."

V.—A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS ESTATES LAND ACT, 1908 (BILL No. 12 OF 1931).

* The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" Mr. President, Sir, I beg to move—

'that the consideration of the next item of business be postponed to Monday next'.

" My reason for making this motion is that when I was coming into this Chamber just now, certain proposals were made to me in connexion with this Bill and the Government would like to have time to consider those proposals; and we hope to be able to make an announcement on Monday next."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" I second it."

The motion was carried and the consideration of the Bill to amend the Madras Estates Land Act was postponed to Monday next.

VI.—A BILL FURTHER TO AMEND THE MADRAS COURT OF WARDS ACT, 1902 (BILL No. 6 OF 1932).

* The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" Mr. President, Sir, I beg to introduce the Bill [a] further to amend the Madras Court of Wards Act, 1902, for certain purposes and move—

'that the Bill be taken into consideration at once.'

" This Bill is intended to apply to this Province a provision relating to the powers of the Court of Wards with reference to its control of expenditure by the wards. The Madras Court of Wards makes suitable allowances to its wards but has recently had to meet certain claims made against an estate on account of the expenditure incurred by a ward to whom a liberal allowance was made. This has happened on more than one occasion. In the Central Provinces this difficulty has been met by a provision in the Act that properties of wards shall not be liable under section 68 of the Indian Contract Act, but power has been reserved to the Court of Wards to meet such claims in whole or in part in proper cases. This latter proviso enables any unusual expenditure properly incurred by a ward in an emergency to be met by the Court of Wards from the estate funds. It is proposed to make similar amendments in the Madras Court of Wards Act."

* Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" Mr. President, Sir, I beg leave to move the amendment standing in my name, viz.—

'that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following Members:—The hon. the Revenue Member, the

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